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ICR Celebrates 80th Anniversary



■ Chairman of ICR 80th Anniversary Committee:
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Lecture, given by Director Esaki of ICR

Ever since it was formally founded on 4 October 2006 to conduct “fundamental and applied researches on specific subjects in chemistry”, ICR has carried out extensive studies in an extremely wide range of basic and applied chemistry, reaching its 80th anniversary last fall. We celebrated the anniversary on 2 November 2006 by holding Commemorative Lecture Meeting, Ceremony, and Banquet at the Clock Tower Centennial Hall (Centennial Hall and International Conference Hall), Kyoto University. We had another two commemorative events, Poster Exhibition and Historical Exhibition, as separately reported in this Issue.

In the Lecture Meeting, lectures were delivered by Director N. Esaki on the past, present, and future perspective of ICR and by four ICR members, Professors N. Tokitoh, T. Ono, Y. Kanemitsu,

and M. Uesugi on the frontier chemistries under cultivation by these mostly young scientists and their co-workers. The Commemorative Ceremony included an address by Director N. Esaki and greetings by President K. Oike, Kyoto University, Dr. A. Mori (on behalf of Dr. T. Tokunaga), the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Dr. K. Kaya, RIKEN, and Dr. S. Murai, JST. The Lecture Meeting and Ceremony had an approximate total of 500 participants including some 230 guests from academia and industry. The Banquet was also a success with over 350 participants, getting started with speeches by several guests and proceeding in a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere.



Commemorative Ceremony for 80th Anniversary



Speech by President Oike of Kyoto University



KAGAMIBIRAKI ceremony at the banquet



Address of appreciation from Professor Fukuda

Commemorative Exhibitions:

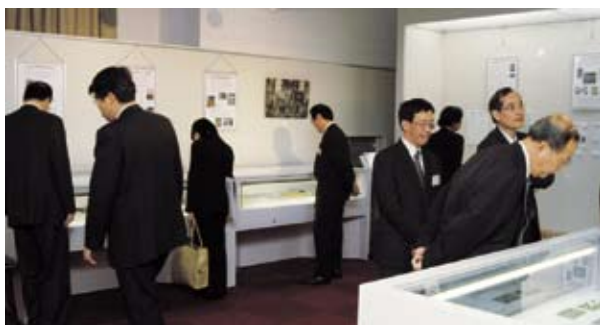
■ ICR 80th Anniversary Committee:
Prof FUTAKI, Shiroh

Historical Exhibition, “Everlasting Challenge and Innovation”



The Historical Exhibition Room

ICR held its historical exhibition from 3 October to 5 November 2006 at the Historical Exhibition Room in the Clock Tower Centennial Hall to commemorate its 80 years of history. The exhibition named “Everlasting Challenge and Innovation”, showed how scientists at ICR had contributed to the development of science and society. The displays contained “Production of the anti-syphilis drug, Saviol,” “Vynylon, the first man-made fiber in Japan,” “World-leading high-resolution imaging by electron microscopy,” “Fine-powdered iron oxides, from practically demanded size and shape control to nanoscience”, and so on. More than 3800 people visited this exhibition during the term, and pictured the historic scenes from the last 80 years.



A lot of people visited to watch the exhibitions.



Young scientists are interested in the long history of chemical research.

“The Latest Research at ICR”

In addition to the historical exhibition, another exhibition was held at International Conference Hall in the Clock Tower Centennial Hall on 2 November 2006 to introduce current activities of our institute. Together with about 50 panels, slides and movies were employed to introduce researches in each division and laboratory vividly. Samples of research instruments and products were also demonstrated. Intellectual Property Department of Kyoto University had an information booth on the patents applied from our Institute.



Exhibition of the latest research at ICR



Movies introduced the institute's history, facilities, and research.



Active discussions are held with interesting demonstrations.